

1 Introduced by the Committee on Government Operations and Military Affairs

2 Date:

3 Subject: Internal security and public safety; Vermont Criminal Justice Council;  
4 law enforcement officer training

5 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to repeal the  
6 fixed hours of training required for fair and impartial policing training and  
7 require the Vermont Criminal Justice Council to report by January 15, 2024,  
8 on its efforts to update and implement fair and impartial policing training. It  
9 will repeal the Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement training  
10 requirements and direct the Vermont Criminal Justice Council to adopt rules  
11 pertaining to Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement training  
12 requirements. The bill will require law enforcement agencies to collect data  
13 for the date, time, and location of roadside stops. It will require an executive  
14 law enforcement officer when hiring a law enforcement officer to contact all of  
15 the applicant's former law enforcement agencies. The bill will extend the  
16 deadline for the Vermont Criminal Justice Council to adopt rules regarding  
17 alternate routes to law enforcement officer certification.

18 An act relating to Vermont Criminal Justice Council recommendations for  
19 law enforcement officer training

1 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

2 \* \* \* Fair and Impartial Policing Training; Advanced Roadside Impaired

3 Driving Enforcement Training \* \* \*

4 Sec. 1. PURPOSE

5 The purpose of this act is, in part, to amend the laws of Vermont regarding  
6 law enforcement officer training to emphasize achieving increased competency  
7 over prescribed minimum hours of training in fair and impartial policing.

8 Sec. 2. 20 V.S.A. § 2358 is amended to read:

9 § 2358. MINIMUM TRAINING STANDARDS; DEFINITIONS

10 \* \* \*

11 (e)(1) The criteria for all minimum training standards under this section  
12 shall include anti-bias training approved by the Vermont Criminal Justice  
13 Council and training on the State, county, or municipal law enforcement  
14 agency's fair and impartial policing policy, adopted pursuant to subsection  
15 2366(a) of this title.

16 (2) ~~On or before December 31, 2018, law enforcement officers shall~~  
17 ~~receive a minimum of four hours of training as required by this subsection.~~

18 [Repealed.]

19 (3) In order to remain certified, law enforcement officers shall receive a  
20 refresher course on the training required by this subsection during every odd-  
21 numbered year in a program approved by the Vermont Criminal Justice

1 Council designed to demonstrate achieved law enforcement officer  
2 competency in fair and impartial policing.

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4 (f) ~~The criteria for all minimum training standards under this section shall~~  
5 ~~include Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement training as~~  
6 ~~approved by the Vermont Criminal Justice Council. On or before December~~  
7 ~~31, 2021, law enforcement officers shall receive a minimum of 16 hours of~~  
8 ~~training as required by this subsection. [Repealed.]~~

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10 **Sec. 3. FAIR AND IMPARTIAL POLICING TRAINING; REPORT**

11 On or before January 15, 2024, the Vermont Criminal Justice Council shall  
12 report to the House Committee on Government Operations and Military  
13 Affairs and the Senate Committee on Government Operations on its efforts to  
14 update and implement fair and impartial policing training and whether the  
15 integrity of training standards has been maintained in the transition from using  
16 improved competency rather than fixed hours of training as a measure of  
17 completed training.

18 Sec. 4. 20 V.S.A. § 2355 is amended to read:

19 § 2355. COUNCIL POWERS AND DUTIES

20 (a) The Council shall adopt rules with respect to:

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